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SUBJ: SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL) -- UNCITRAL REPORT

SUMMARY. AUSTRIA, FINLAND, FRG, FRANCE, US, NIGER, UK, CYPRUS, CANADA, POLAND, BYELORUSSIA, GHANA, KENYA, JAMAICA, IRAN, YEMEN, NIGERIA, LIBYA, AND TANZANIA ADDRESSED COMITE ON NOV 8 AND 9. ALL STATES SUPPORTED BOTH THE CONVENING OF A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE ON CARRIAGE OF GOODS AT SEA ("COGS") AND THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE UNGA OF THE UNCITRAL ARBITRATION RULES. END SUMMARY.

1. POLAND, US, UK, CYPRUS, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, FINLAND, TANZANIA, YEMEN, NIGERIA, LIBYA, KENYA AND JAMAICA SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBER STATES AS OBSERVERS AT UNCITRAL. NO STATE OPPOSED IT.

2. CYPRUS, FRG, FINLAND, TANZANIA, POLAND, NIGERIA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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KENYA SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED SYNCHRONIZATION OF MEMBERSHIP

TERMS AND WORKING GROUP SCHEDULES. NO STATE OPPOSED IT.

- 3. ARTICLE 7 OF COGS CONTINUED TO DRAW ATTENTION. FRG
 CAUTIONED IT MAY CAUSE INCREASED FREIGHT CHARGES;
 FINLAND SAID ANY MORE CHANGES IN IT COULD PREVENT FINLAND
 ACCESSION TO CONVENTION. TANZANIA, WITH REFERENCES TO NIEO,
 SAID FREIGHT RATES SHOULD NOT GO UP AND THAT ADDED COST
 SHOULD BE BORNE ELSEWHERE. TANZANIA, GHANA, JAMAICA
 AND NIGERIA CRITICIZED FIRE EXCEPTION IN ARTICLE 5(4).
 US SUPPORTED EXISTING TEXT AS PART OF A DELICATE COMPROMISE.
- 4. KENYA CALLED UPON UNCITRAL TO BETTER REFLECT NEEDS OF LDC'S AND NIEO. JAMAICA, TANZANIA, AND GHANA ALSO REFERRED TO NIEO.
- 5. GHANA AND YEMEN STRESSED NEED FOR UNCTAD TO BE INVOLVED IN PREPARATION OF CONFERENCE BECAUSE REFLECTS NEEDS OF LDC'S.
- 6. LIBYA, YEMEN, BYELORUSSIA AND TANZANIA ENCOURAGED UNCITRAL WORK ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. US SAID UNCITRAL SHOULD AWAIT OUTCOME OF OTHER PRELIMINARY WORK IN THE FIELD. UK SAID PROPER PLACE FOR DISCUSSION OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS WAS IN COMITE ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.
- 7. BYELORUSSIA SAID ARTICLE 21 OF COGS SHOULD CLEARLY STATE THAT SHIP OF A SOVEREIGN STATE MAY NOT BE SEIZED.
- 8. POLAND HAD SPECIFIC REMARKS ON DRAFT ARTICLES ON INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS. SUPPORTED PROVISION ALLOWING RENEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT IF CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE. SAID ARTICLES SHOULD SPECIFY WHAT LAW CONTROLS WHERE CONTRACT DOES NOT SPECIFY. CALLED FOR CHANGE IN ARTICLE 10(3).
- 9. US STATEMENT POUCHED TO AMB. KEARNEY (L). SCRANTON

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